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SUBJECT: AID/ IDB ANNUAL REVIEW, REQUEST FOR CABLED COMMENTS
ON IDB 1973 LOAN PROGRAM

REF: (1) STATE 067325 OF APR 11, 1973; (2) STATE 66864 OF
APRIL 11, 1973; (3) BOGOTA 2167 OF APRIL 6, 1972 (4) BOGOTA 6007
OF SEPT 18, 1972; (5) BOGOTA 2499 OF MAR 28, 1973; (6) BOGOTA 2581
OF MARCH 30, 1973; (7) KORNFELD/ KRANZ LETTER OF DEC. 7, 1971

1. MISSION HAS COMENTS ON IDB LIST OF PROJECTS FOR COLOMBIA
IN CY-1973 AS FOLLOWS:

(A) COLPUERTOS- MISSION HAS NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO THOSE
CONTAINED IN REF(3).

(B) EMPRESAS PUBLICAS DE MEDELLIN- NO ADDITIONAL COMMENT
TO THOSE
CONTAINED IN REF(4).

(C) PROGRAMA NACIONAL MEJORAMIENTO DEL MERCADEO DE PRODUCTOS
AGROPECUARIOS- THERE IS A NEED TO FURTHER EXPAND AND IMPROVE
WHOESALE MARKETING FACILITIES IN THOSE AREAS TO BE BENEFITTED
BY THE PROPOASED IDB LOAN. THE ORGANIZATIONS CHARGED WITH
WHOLESALE
MARKET ADMINISTRATION HAVE SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR
LOAN FUNDS MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES. THE MISSION VIEWS THIS
LOAN AS COMPLEMENTARY TO ITS CURRENT AGRICULTURAL SECTOR ACTIVITIES.

(D) EMPRESA DE ENERGIA ELECTRICA DE BOGOTA- NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
TO THOSE CONTAINED IN REFS (5) AND (6).

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(E) PROGRAMA DE DESARROLLO AGRICOLA INTREGADO- MISSION UNDERSTANDS FROM MEETING WITH VISITING IDB TEAM THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF CONCENTRATED ASSISTANCE TO TWO OR THREE REGIONS. HOWEVER, SELECTION OF AREAS, DETAILS OF POSSIBLE INPUTS IN VERY EARLY STAGES OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN F LAS TRUCHAS AND HAS IDENTIFIED 38 MILLION TONS MINERAL RESERVES WHICH EXCEEDS IDB REQUIREMENT OF 35 MILLION TONS. STUDY OF STEEL MARKET REQUIRED BY IDB AND BEING CONDUCTED BY BATELLE EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED IN ONE MONTH. IDB REPRESENTATIVE VERY HOPEFUL SICARTSA PROJECT WILL BE APPROVED THIS YEAR.

4. FISHERIES PROJECT, WHICH WAS NOT EXPECTED FROM GOM UNTIL NEXT AUGUST, HAS BEEN DELIVERED TODAY TO IDB REPRESENTATIVE. IT CALLS FOR INVESTMENT OF US\$ 99.9 MILLION OF WHICH ABOUT HALF MAY BE REQUESTED FROM IDB. IT IS POSSIBLE PROJECT MAY BE DIVIDED INTO TWO OR MORE STAGES WITH ONLY HALF OR LESS OF TOTAL INCLUDED IN 1973 PROGRAM. PROJECT SHOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION FISHERIES PRODUCTION AND DOMESTIC FISH CONSUMPTION, THUS HELPING TO IMPROVE DIET WHICH IS NOW DEFICIENT IN PROTEINS, PARTICULARLY AMONG LOWER INCOME GROUPS.

5. HYDRAULIC RESOURCES SECRETARIAT NOT EXPECTED TO COMPLETE STUDY SAN LORENZO PROJECT UNTIL AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE TOO LATE FOR APPROVAL THIS YEAR. INSTEAD, SECRETARIAT HAS AGREED TO SUBMIT BY NEXT WEEK PROJECT FOR THIRD STAGE OF SMALL IRRIGATION PLAN. THIS PROJECT WILL BENEFIT LARGE NUMBER OF VERY SMALL FARMERS AND HAS HIGH PRIORITY IN VIEW GOM EMPHASIS ON INCOME REDISTRIBUTION.
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